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What is claimed is:

1. A folding seat assembly for a vehicle comprising:
- a seat back;
  - a seat bottom pivotally mounted relative to said seat back and movable between a seating position and a folded upright position;
  - 5 a detent mechanism for providing a resistance to movement of said seat bottom from said folded upright position;
  - an inertia latch mechanism for engaging said seat bottom in said folded upright position in response to a rapid deceleration of said vehicle.
2. The folding seat assembly according to Claim 1, wherein said detent mechanism further provides a resistance to movement of said seat bottom from said seating position.

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3. A vehicle comprising:  
a passenger compartment;  
a seat assembly disposed in said passenger compartment, said seat assembly including a seat back and a seat bottom pivotally mounted relative to said seat back and movable between a seating position and a folded upright position, said seat assembly including an inertia latch mechanism for engaging said seat bottom in said folded upright position in response to a rapid deceleration of said vehicle.
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2. The vehicle according to Claim 1, further comprising a detent mechanism for providing a resistance to movement of said seat bottom from said folded upright position.

3. The vehicle according to Claim 2, wherein said detent mechanism provides a resistance to movement of said seat bottom from said seating position.

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6. An extended cab pickup truck, comprising:  
a passenger compartment having a front seat assembly and a rear seat assembly;

5 said rear seat assembly including a seat back and a seat bottom pivotally mounted relative to said seat back and movable between a seating position and a folded upright position and an inertia latch mechanism for engaging said seat bottom in said folded upright position in response to a rapid deceleration of said truck.

5.5 The extended cab pickup truck according to Claim 6, further comprising a detent mechanism for providing a resistance to movement of said seat bottom from said folded upright position.

6.8 The extended cab pickup truck according to Claim 5, wherein said detent mechanism further provides a resistance to movement of said seat bottom from said seating position.